

Article 6: Board and Commissions

Division 19: City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

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§26.1901 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, which shall be cited as the City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. The Commission will serve as an official advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on policy issues relating to gang prevention and intervention. The Commission's vision is to develop a more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative effort between the City, law enforcement agencies, social service providers, and the general public with the objective of significantly curtailing gang involvement, and its negative impact, in the City of San Diego. The Commission shall make recommendations concerning gang prevention, intervention, diversion, and suppression methods; identify local, state, and federal funding sources; and address other gang-related policy matters.

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§26.1902 Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention Established

- (a) There is hereby created a Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention to consist of seventeen members, who shall serve without compensation. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Commission members shall be residents of the City of San Diego unless a conscious exception is determined per Council Policy 000-13.
- (b) In making the initial appointments, the Mayor shall appoint eight members, one each from a list of at least two nominations submitted by each Councilmember to represent his or her district. Additionally, the Mayor shall appoint one at-large member; one member from the field of K-12 education; one member from a community organization working on gang issues; one member from the field of law enforcement; one member from the field of public health; one member from the field of social services; one member from the San Diego Association of Governments; one member from the San Diego Workforce Partnership; and one member who shall be a reformed ex-gang member. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.

- (c) Members shall serve two year terms, and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Initial members shall be appointed such that the terms of not more than nine members shall expire in any year so as to allow the Board to be staggered. For the initial appointments, nine members shall be appointed to an initial term that will expire July 1, 2006, and eight members shall be appointed to an initial term that will expire July 1, 2007. Initial appointments which are less than the full term of two years will be allowed to serve two full terms. The expiration date of all terms shall be July 1. Any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. Vacancy appointment recommendations will come from the original recommending body. Any vacancy replacements will be eligible to serve the remaining term of the vacant position and two full terms.
- (d) During July of each year, the Mayor may designate one member as Chairperson; however, in the absence of such designation, the Board shall on or after August 15, select a Chairperson from among its members.
- (e) The Board may adopt rules consistent with the law for the governing of its business and procedures.
- (f) The position of Executive Director of the Commission is hereby established and shall be appointed by the City Manager. The Director shall be a management assistant to the City Manager. The City Manager shall provide appropriate staff support from departments directly involved in gang-related matters.
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§26.1903 Duties and Functions

The Commission shall:

- (a) Meet on a monthly basis and set an attendance policy for Commissioners.
- (b) Make policy recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on issues of gang prevention, intervention, diversion, and suppression methods; identify local, state and federal funding sources; and identify national best practice efforts.
- (c) Form subcommittees to analyze critical issues of gang involvement.
- (d) Network with other boards, agencies, and community residents on gang related issues.
- (e) Promote a strong sense of community through gang solutions.
- (f) Act as a general information resource on gang issues within the City.

- (g) Advocate, formulate, and recommend for adoption proactive gang policies, ordinances, and guidelines.
- (h) Present no less than quarterly reports to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee of the City Council.
- (i) Hold a minimum of four meetings per year in various Districts of the City.
- (j) Provide a written report annually on the status of the Commission and its activities to the Mayor and City Council.
- (k) Perform such further duties as may hereafter be delegated to the Commission by resolution of the City Council.

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